Hassan-Mangalore Railway Line

Q.—364. Sri A. KRISHNA SHETTY (Mangalore-II).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

the stage at which the proposal regarding the formation of 'Hassan-Mangalore' Railway line during the III Five-Year Plan Period stands at present ?

A.—Sri VEERENDRA PATIL (Minister for Public Works).—

The Railway Ministry of the Government of India has decided to go ahead with the construction of the Mangalore-Hassan Railway line during the III Five-Year Plan so as to synchronise its completion with that of the Mangalore Port. Steps are being taken to acquire the lands required for the laying of the Railway line.

Acquisition of Land for the new harbour at Panambur.

Q.—365. Sri A. KRISHNA SHETTY (Mangalore II).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the extent of land proposed to be acquired for the new Harbour at Panambur ;

(*b*) the extent of land already acquired for the purpose ?

A.—Sri VEERENDRA PATIL (Minister for Public Works).—

(*a*) About 2,743 acres.

(*b*) 644 acres.

Consumer Price Index Numbers.

Q.—366. Sri A. KRISHNA SHETTY (Mangalore II).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the consumer price index numbers (for working class) for Bangalore and other important Centres in the State for the months of July and August 1964 ;

(*b*) the consumer price index numbers for the above two corresponding months during the year 1962-63 ;

(*c*) the consumer price index numbers for the months of January and February 1964 ;

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(*d*) the basis on which the compilation of price index is done in regard to (1) Food Item; (2) Clothing; (3) House Rent; (4) Fuel and other items of expenditure;

(*e*) whether the prices quoted for the purpose of compilation of price index tally with the retail prices in the market and with the price quoted by the Statistical Department of the State;

(*f*) the steps the Government intend to take to rectify inaccuracies in the consumer Price Index and revise the linking factor to make the consumer Price Index scientific and up-to-date?

A.—Sri D. DEVARAJ URS (Minister for Labour, Housing and Transport).—

(*a*) *Vide* statement No. I. appended.

(*b*) *Vide* statement No. II. appended.

(*c*) *Vide* statement No. III. appended.

(*d*) Layspear's formula has been generally adopted for the compilation of the Consumer Price Index Numbers. This method has been adopted by the Government of India (the Labour Bureau, Simla) for their series, both old and new. At the first stage the item level index is compiled and then all the item index numbers are combined into a group index. Finally, all the groups are combined and a final on the general index is obtained.

(*e*) The figures are being compiled on the basis of the prevailing retail prices. The Labour Inspectors of the respective CENTRES are collecting these retail prices every week from the selected Shops where the working class usually purchase.

(*f*) Government have constituted an Expert Committee to study the existing series of the Consumer Price Index numbers and to suggest ways and means for improving the same, with a view to adopting suitable linking factors and to make the C. P. I. Numbers scientific and up-to-date.

STATEMENT No.

Statement showing the Consumer Price Index Number for working class for all the Centres for the month of July and August 1964.

Sl. No.	*Centres*	*Months*	*General Index*
1	Bangalore	July	495.07
		August	496.74
2	Bellary	July	501.38
		August	505.50
3	Bhadravathi	July	485.07
		August	491.17
4	Davangere	July	512.40
		August	516.89
5	Hassan	July	474.22
		August	476.83
6	Harihar	July	512.12
		August	520.10
7	Mysore	July	490.99
		August	496.29
8	Mandya	July	465.51
		August	469.70
9	Gulbarga	July	200.02
		August	208.04
10	Mangalore	July	133.00
		August	135.27

STATEMENT No. II.

Sl. No.	*Centre*	*CPI No. during the month of*			
		July 1962	*August 1962*	*July 1963*	*August 1963*
1	Bangalore	462.76	463.11	474.66	475.05
2	Bellary	468.52	469.81	480.32	481.04
3	Bhadravathi	453.87	455.22	467.27	469.47
4	Davangere	479.09	480.59	492.40	491.34
5	Hassan	433.71	433.40	447.03	449.04
6	Harihar	472.58	474.25	486.40	487.53
7	Mysore	455.48	456.76	461.58	464.04
8	Mandya	435.33	435.89	443.45	445.58
9	Gulbarga	163.09	173.02	174.06	174.07
10	Mangalore	121.40	121.92	124.01	123.28

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STATEMENT No. III

Statement showing C.P.I. Number for working class for all the centres for the month of January and February 1964.

Sl. No.	*Centres*	*Months-1964*	*General Index*
1	Bangalore	January	482.5
		February	484.9
2	Bellary	January	487.3
		February	489.5
3	Bhadravathi	January	470.7
		February	471.5
4	Davangere	January	494.7
		February	493.1
5	Hassan	January	457.4
		February	462.2
6	Haribar	January	495.30
		February	499.54
7	Mysore	January	474.83
		February	477.21
8	Mandya	January	451.09
		February	457.98
9	Gulbarga	January	183.00
		February	190.4
10	Mangalore	January	127.70
		February	128.17

Collection of Commercial Tax

Q.— 367. Sri A. KRISHNA SHETTY (Mangalore II).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the amount of Commercial Tax collected during the year 1962-63 and 1963-64 in the State ;

(*b*) the arrears of tax during these two years ;

(*c*) whether it is not a fact that there is escaped turnover running into crores of rupees without being taxed ;

(*d*) the steps they have taken and intend to take to detect the tax evasion and recover the evaded tax ;

(*e*) the steps they intend to take for more and proper assessment of the tax in the State ?